



## **Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks**

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The enclosed draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared for the Weaver Slough/Foys Bend and Ringneck Ranch Wetland Conservation Projects. FWP proposes to assist the Flathead Land Trust in the purchase of a conservation easement on two parcels of land totaling 685 acres (part of a 1,052-acre conservation easement project) in the Weaver Slough and Foys Bend areas of the Flathead River, located between Flathead Lake and Kalispell. The proposed project also includes the purchase in fee of up to 200 acres of land on the Ringneck Ranch adjoining the Ninepipe Wildlife Management Area in the Mission Valley.

Public hearings will be held at the Ninepipes Lodge (Allentown) Monday, March 15, 2004, at 7:00 p.m.; and at the Somers Middle School, 315 School Addition Road, Somers, Tuesday, March 16, 2004. Please direct your questions or comments to Gael Bissell, Habitat Conservation Biologist, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, 490 N. Meridian Road, Kalispell, MT 59901, or e-mail to [gbissell@state.mt.us](mailto:gbissell@state.mt.us). Questions and comments must be received by Friday, March 19, 2004.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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